

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
September 8, 2011
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:00 pm in room 333 City Hall.
Committee has quorum with 13 of its 22 members present.

Present

James Adams, Frank Broderick, Rita Deyo, Terry Diebold, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Ray Olson, Dorothy Robinson, Patrick Rowan

MDHFS Staff

Ruth Kildow, Kim Stringfellow

NCR Staff

Billie Imhoede, Access and Outreach Specialist

Absent

Allen Brookins-Brown, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

Excused Absence

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Elana Gravitz, Jean Greener, Marci Holley Bartlett, Joanna Lees, Roland Minda, Herb Nelson

Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve the August 11, 2011 minutes and September 8, 2011 agenda were both unanimously approved. With no discussion and all approved, the motion carries.

Committee Priorities – Jeanne Hanson

Mission Statement: To advise the Mayor and City Council of the existence of situations and problems concerning senior citizens. To suggest or recommend action to deal with these situations. To advise and suggest programs or activities of value to the City generally. To advise and suggest programs or activities of particular value to senior citizens. To serve as liaison or as an additional channel of communication between the Mayor's Office, the City Council and the senior citizen community. To develop long and short range goals and objectives on an annual basis. To work closely with the Minneapolis Senior Ombudsman. To act at all times within the province of this charge for the general interest of Minneapolis senior residents, rather than in the specific interests of any group or individual.

Georgia Marinkov-Omorean motioned to use this directive from the City as the mission statement for SCAC. Seconded by Fay Harrison. All approved and no further discussion, the motion carried.

Priorities identified are 1) Services, Activities and Programs; 2) Health and Safety; and 3) Housing and Transportation.

Services, Activities and Programs

- Sidewalks, streets and alleys repaired
- Snow plowing, shoveling of sidewalks, streets, alleys and bus stops
- Security at high rises and all jurisdictions
- Retain parks and golf courses
- Increase senior activities and classes at city parks
- Financial support for Senior Ombudsman Office

Health and Safety

- Caregiver education and awareness, have access to affordable and qualified care, standards?
- Single senior isolation
- Affordable healthcare – supplemental insurance
- Public housing police presence
- Streets and sidewalks – cracks, snow removal, lighting
- Bike traffic

Health and Safety (continued)

- Neighborhood watch
- Elder abuse
- Access to healthy foods – affordable, transportation

Transportation

- Cleaning of bus stops – shoveling, street flooding
- Sidewalks of vacant buildings and homes – keep up on snow removal
- Transportation to medical appointment – volunteers, other barriers include crossing city boundaries, price increase when going into next City of Minneapolis

Housing

- Affordable housing apartments in their neighborhoods (not assisted living, not memory care)
- Safety in all neighborhoods
- Safe in public housing

Jeanne Hanson will organize and tally the voted issues. The committee will work on action plans at the October 13 SCAC meeting.

Old/New Business

None

Committee Reports

No reports were received at this meeting.

Announcements

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Next Meeting

October 13, 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow.